Canadian Charter Members of the American Numismatic Association

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Many tales have been told about the lives and numismatic achievements of such famous Canadian authorities as Breton, Leroux, McLachlan and Courteau—to mention but a few. They surely deserve their place in our hobby's Canadian Hall of Fame. Yet another group comes to mind, about which little is said: the seven Canadians who, with fifty-four United States associates, became Charter Members of the American Numismatic Association.

Three score years and ten ago, during 1891's Summer and Fall, Dr. George Heath enlisted the support of these friends in laying the foundation of what has since become the world's largest numismatic organization. However, the subsequent activities of most of these gentlemen are scarcely known. F. C. Harper (Barrie, Ontario), Charles L. Housman (London, Ontario) and P. C. Jones (Belleville, Ontario) — like so many of their U.S. contemporaries, dropped from the membership roster after a few years, leaving only names to indicate a former interest in numismatics.

F. J. Grenny—a Brantford, Ontario dealer—served with the A.N.A.'s Board of Organization and first Committee on Publications: two groups of great importance in the young 'Association's initial stages; he put out a 50c. token listed by Breton as No. 836. Another dealer, W. Kelsey Hall of Peterborough, Ontario, became a member of the A.N.A.'s earliest Finance Committee, besides being elected to its original Board of Governors over four successive yearly terms.

Farrar Ineson of Carlton West (now part of Toronto) — first of these pioneers to submit his name to Dr. Heath — received A.N.A. Membership No. 8. He specialized in tokens and issued one himself: Breton's No. 535, struck in four metals.

Joseph Hooper, most notable of the seven, lived in Port Hope, Ontario. Though a native of England, he spent his later years at Rochester, New York. Most of Hooper's active numismatic life occurred during residence in the Canadian town. Elected American Numismatic Association Vice-President in 1891, he won the position of (fourth) President in 1898. The design for the Association's present seal was, likewise, conceived by him. Joseph Hooper issued two tokens, numbered 777 and 778 by Breton. As a contributor to The Numismatist he wrote the column entitled "Hooper's Restrikes", not to mention many other papers on themes drawn from his vast numismatic experience. For personal devotion in serving the A.N.A. and numerous contributions on the scientific level, the Association's 1912 Convention awarded him Honorary Life Membership.

Many more Canadians—some merely collectors, others more distinguished in the field—follow in the footsteps of the original seven. With Dr. Heath they have shared a belief that "There is nothing like the alliance of kindred pursuits to stimulate interest and growth." The American Numismatic Association's present numerical enrolment of some forty-three thousand, and similar figures amounting to nearly four thousand five hundred for our eleven-year-old Canadian Numismatic Association, are witness to their insight and confirm that faith.

AUCTION FOR WEDNESDAY, August 5th 1998

LOT	DESCRIPTION	EST.VALUE	RESERVE	BID
1	New Zealand-One Dollar 1985	8.00	4.00	
1. 2.	New Zealand-One Dollar 1986	8.00	4.00	
3.	New Zealand-Royal Visit 1986	8.00	4.00	
4.	Israel Mint Set 1993	20.00	10.00	
5.	10 Different Mexican Coins	??.??	7.00	
6,	11 Different Mexican Coins	??.??	7.00	

7.	CANADA 10c 1943	5.00	2.50	
8.	CANADA 10c 1944	5.00	2.50	
9.	CANADA 10c 1946	6.00	3.00	
10.	CANADA 10c 1947ml	5.00	2.50	
TOKENS AND MEDALS				
11.	Historical Depictions Wellings Mint 1970's	20.00	10.00	
12.	H. BarnardBreton 734	40.00	20.00	
13.	Breton 508 Sou Marque 1751BB	60.00	30.00	
14.	Breton 506 9 Deniers 1722H	80.00	40.00	
15.	Canada Centennial 1967, Williges 50c, Jacques Cartier Mint, Hiram Walker	•		
	City of Niagara Falls N.Y. (5pcs)	12.00	6.00	
TRADE DOLLARS				
16.	Stratford 1982-1985 4pcs	8.00	4.00	
17.	Kitchener 1992-1995 4pcs	12.00	6.00	
18.	<u>Spain:</u> 2 Pesetas 1879, <u>Austria:</u> 10 shillings 19 <u>Japan:</u> 2 Sen 1882, 1 Sen 1915 (4pcs)	58 17.00	8.50	
19.	Greece: 5 APAXMAI 1930 Russia: 5 Kopecks 1877 (2pcs)	6.00	3.00	
20.	Switzerland: 10 centimes 1944, ½ Franc 1963 Portugal: .50 Centavos 1929 (3pcs)	3.00	1.50	